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1. INITIAL SCAN BY NPIC OF MISSION [REDACTED]

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REVEALS THE POSSIBLE SURVEY LINE REPORTED IN REF A WHICH WAS ROUGHLY PARALLEL TO ROUTE 6 IN NORTH VIETNAM TO BE A TELEPHONE/TELEGRAPHY LINE. THIS TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINE CONSISTS OF 6 WIRES IN 3 SETS OF TWOS SUPPORTED BY A SINGLE CROSSARM ON WOODEN POLES. THE AREA OF THE LINE OBSERVED IS AT APPROXIMATELY 2148N 10318E.

2. UTILIZING PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED] (REF B) THE

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TRACE OF THIS TELECOMMUNICATION LINE WAS OBSERVED FROM CHIU CHAI, CHINA (2236N 10309E) 0.6 NM FROM THE NORTH VIETNAM BORDER SOUTH INTO NORTH VIETNAM GENERALLY PARALLELING ROUTE 6, THROUGH LAI CHAU (2204N 10310E), CONTINUING SOUTHEASTWARD TO THE JUNCTION OF ROUTE 6 AND 19 NEAR THE VILLAGE OF TUAN GIAO AT 2135N 10325E. AT THIS POINT THE TRACE SPLITS WITH ONE TRACE CONTINUING SOUTHEASTWARD PARALLELING ROUTE 6 TO APPROXIMATELY 2112N 10340E WHERE IT DISAPPEARS UNDER HEAVY CLOUDS. THE OTHER TRACE IS OBSERVED CONTINUING SOUTHWESTWARD GENERALLY PARALLELING ROUTE 19 TO A POINT AT APPROXIMATELY 2127N 10303E, 4 NM NORTHEAST OF THE DIEN BIEN PHU AREA.

3. NO EVIDENCE OF THIS TRACE WAS NOTED ON MARCH 1965 PHOTOGRAPHY (REF C) FROM APPROXIMATELY 2205N 10308E TO APPROXIMATELY 2134N 10325E.

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